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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

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Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a translation of an editorial appearing in the semi-official DNES of September 23, 1938, regarding the position of Bulgaria in case of war. The article refers to Bulgaria's previous experience in the World War and goes on to state that the Bulgarian people now stand for peace. In closing, it refers to the Prime Minister's statements in Parliament "that Bulgaria has no liabilities with any of the great powers".

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Respectfully yours,

K. deG. MacVitty,
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Translation.

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Enclosure to despatch No. 154 of September 24, 1938,
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DNES, September 23, 1938 - Article by St. Omartchevsky, agrarian, former Minister of Education.

Commenting on the dangers of war in Europe and the destruction it would cause, the article says:

"Bulgaria had a recent example and lesson from the World War. On account of the criminal shortsightedness of our diplomats, we joined in too early and without success. Our existence as an independent state was endangered and we were saved only by miracle. At such tragic and decisive moments when the existence of the state is at stake, the people instinctively feel the right thing to do. Our people do not want war; they stand for peace - world peace, Balkan peace and internal peace, which alone will guarantee our existence and integrity. Post-war Bulgaria has given many proofs of its desire to cooperate loyally with great and small powers, distant countries and neighbors. An intervention on our part would exhaust our limited possibilities and forces. Nobody can tell who will win. What would happen to us if the opposite side were to dictate the conditions of peace? The Prime Minister declared in his speech in Parliament that Bulgaria has no liabilities with any of the European great powers. Bulgaria stands for peace, loyal understanding and independence, economic redressement and cultural progress. The interests of the state force us to be united and unanimous so as to meet firmly any unexpected developements."

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